LOSS INCURRED IN THE RECENT FLOODS IN THE DANDELI ALNAVAR AREA OF THE STATE.

*Q.—832. Sri F. W. CORBETT (Nominated).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total loss incurred by destruction of houses, standing crops, and orchards and fruit trees in the recent heavy floods in the Dandeli-Alnavar area of the Bombay-Karnatak region of the State;

(*b*) the amount of cash and other relief granted by the Government so far;

(*c*) whether they will consider giving more substantial relief in view of the heavy losses by those stricken by the floods?

*A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) The details of such losses in Dandeli area are as follows:—

	Loss to houses	*Loss to crops*	*Total loss*
		Rs.	Rs.
1. Dandeli proper...	200 huts damaged	375	...
2. Dusgi ... Rs.	300	1,070	1,370
3. Kosrolli ...Rs.	2,000	1,600	3,600
Total ... Rs.	2,300	3,045	5,345

The villages at Serial Nos. 2 and 3 above are situated round about Dandeli.

About 12 huts were damaged due to floods at Alnavar and the total loss was about Rs. 10,000 (including the cattle Rs. 4,000) and the movable (*i.e.*, Rs. 6,000). The paddy which was sown in an area about 1,200 acres was washed away. In addition to this timber belonging to Government Depot and private perons worth Rs. 10,00,000 (Ten lakhs) was swept away by the floods. No loss has been caused in respect of orchard and fruit trees. There was no loss of human life also, but 2 dozen hens, ½ dozen goats, 2 bullocks and 5 she-buffaloes were swept away by floods. The Railway lines and siding were also considerably damaged and the bunds on the fields were also breached.

(*b*) Amount of cash and other relief granted by Government till 21st July 1931 in respect of Dandeli are as follows:—

(*i*) Rs. 70 have distributed as gratuitous relief in two cases of Kasorolli village, wherein the sufferers had sustained heavy losses.

(*ii*) The Forest Department have paid a cash relief of Rs. 500 to three Forest Guards on account of the losses due to damages to their personal properties.

In respect of Alnavar an amount of Rs. 250 was paid as cash relief by Government and Rs. 250 by Village Panchayat Committee, Alnavar, as cash relief to the needy sufferers, up to 9th July 1961. Besides an amount of Rs. 46,670 was also paid to the sufferers of 8 villages as tagai loan for purchase of seed and for repairing bunds, etc.

(*c*) Government have already sanctioned adequate funds for grant of interest free loans and gratuitous relief to the sufferers of flood. Government have also liberalised the rules for grant of relief to the sufferers of floods and heavy rains.

Applications for grant of further relief will be considered as and when received.

Sri F. W. CORBETT.—In answer to (*b*), against a loss of 3,600 rupees, relief given is only Rs. 70. Against loss of 10,000, the relief given is only 500. Will the Government please consider to be a little more generous in giving relief to these people ?

†Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—The damaged caused to 12 huts is not much. This relief relates to the floods that occured in the month of May and not in July.

Sri F. W. CORBETT.—Rs. 46,000 has been given as loan. Will the Government consider to make a port of it as grant ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Cash relief is given according to the scale prescribed in the recent Government Order. Further relief than those mentioned in those orders cannot be given.

Sri R. G. KAMATH.—Sir, the Government has given the names of only two villages here. Are there any more villages affected round about Dandeli?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I submitted already that this relates to the flood havoc caused in the month of May.

Sri R. G. KAMATH.—There are some more villages affected. Are the Government aware of that?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—No.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Is the Government aware that the floods in May had washed away paddy crop that was harvested in this area?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—It has been mentioned here.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Loss is of two kinds. At this particular time, paddy was harvested in some lands and paddy was sown in other lands. Paddy that was already harvested and kept in the fields has been washed away. There is no mention of this loss in this answer.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—It has not been mentioned because there was no damage of that type.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Has the Government taken the reports from every village in that area regarding the damage that is caused?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Yes.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Is it a fact that this tract has been neglected because it is a predominantly marathi speaking area?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—No Sir, we do not make any distinction between the Marathi speaking area and kannada speaking areas. The Thasildar of the place is a marathi-speaking man.

Sri R. G. KAMATH.—Loss of timber valued 10 lakhs has been reported here : is it not an exaggerated estimate and whether Government is aware of it ?

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Out of these ten lakhs, how much is Government property and how much is private ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I am given to understand that the loss caused to Government is 1½ lakhs.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—During these floods in May every village in that area has been affected and damage has been caused and how is it that Government have answered only regarding two Villages ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—That is the information I have received.

Smt. VASANTALATA MIRJANKAR.—In answer (*a*), it is said 10 lakhs of timber has been washed away. I would like to know whether any relief is given to those forest contractors who have lost heavily in this.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I do not know what the forest Authorities have done.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Have the Government given any relief to themselves in regard to this matter Sir?

(*Laughter*)

HUBLI-DHARWAR CORPORATION.

*Q.—868. Sri F. H. MOHSIN (Hubli City).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when the Hubli-Dharwar Corporation will come into existence ;

(*b*) when the new Corporation elections will take place ;

(*c*) whether they intend joining the two cities ;

(*d*) whether any new industries would be located in that area to join the cities ;

(*e*) the estimated income of the new Corporation ?